

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
COOK COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
COOK CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 26, 2014 – COOK CITY HALL– 6 PM

TIME AND PLACE: A special meeting of the Cook City Council was held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the Cook City Hall.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Harold Johnston called the Special Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE: Present were Mayor Harold Johnston and City Councilors Kim Brunner and Elizabeth Storm. Absent were Councilors Jody Bixby and Karen Hollanitsch. Also present was Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Palm, Cook News Herald, ARDC Nicole Pederson, St. Louis County Health Dianne Torrell and Lisa Johnson and Planning and Zoning Chair Rich Holm

The City of Cook does not have an existing Comprehensive Plan and now has a 2014 IRRRB grant in place and has contracted through ARDC with the Cook City Council as the planning committee for the Comprehensive Planning process. The IRRRB will require a comprehensive plan in place for future funding and this is an opportunity for the community to view its future direction as communities are changing.

The Council is serving as the Planning Commission for the Comprehensive Planning Process. Members of Planning and Zoning have been invited which may result in a quorum which would result in a joint meeting of the Cook City Council and Planning and Zoning.

The Agenda includes the following attached documents as provided by ARDC:

Cook Comprehensive Plan Committee Agenda
Cook Visioning Session Meeting Summary June 10, 2014
Cook Plan Review Summary
Draft Cook Comprehensive Plan 2014
City of Cook Demographic Information
Schedule of next meeting date

The first meeting, held June 10th was a Visioning Session Meeting to provide residential and commercial input on personal visions of the City of Cook. These responses were then used to draft the cities vision statement to serve as a guide throughout development of the comprehensive plan.

In reviewing the Cook Visioning Session Meeting Summary the council is requesting additional items be added or deleted:

Transportation

Add:

Airport - focus on the 2014 Master Layout Plan as high quality, well maintained airport with a 4000 foot runway for future expanded charter services.

Roadways – recognizing county, township and state entities with various routes coming into Cook.

SHIP – safe, high quality, active transportation modes

Remove:

None

Housing

Add:

“The City of Cook contains a diverse, affordable human housing stock for the entire life-span” – add “of residents” after lifespan.

Demographics show numerous homes build in the 1970’s and that “well maintained” should be added so future funding opportunities could be available.

Remove:

None

Utilities and Community Facilities

Add:

None

Remove:

Detailed listing and generalize utilities and community facilities as technology is always changing and facilities are not fully completed and continuously changing.

Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources

Add:

None

Remove:

“all ages” and replace with residents and visitors to include all.

Economic Development

Add:

None

Remove:

None

Intergovernmental Cooperation

Add:

Shared “events” as schools have combined.

Remove:

None

Land Use

Add:

Wetlands and health as SHIP is linked to land use and health in the community.
Enforcement of floodplain, wetland and blight issues etc.

Remove:

None

Implementation

Add:

Action steps in future meetings.

Remove:

None

Cook Plan Review Summary

Add:

Add plans for Emergency Preparedness and Airport Operations, Healthcare for medical facilities, School, and County planning process for GIS etc.

Demographic information and where it is obtained – through US Census 2010.

Additional sections to add would be food access, health care and social events along with the Chamber of Commerce business directory.

Combine safety and law enforcement into Emergency and Safety Services instead of self-standing. These could be intergovernmental as these services cover a large area and not just specific to Cook.

Remove:

None

The next scheduled comprehensive planning meeting will be July 24th at 5pm prior to the regular council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Council, motion to adjourn at 5:59 PM was made by Councilor Storm and second by Councilor Brunner. **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY OF COOK – Cook, MN 55723

Harold Johnston, Mayor

Recorder: Cindy Palm, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: Theresa Martinson, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer